
HOUSE BILL No. 1041

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18; IC 9-29-5-34.5.

Synopsis: In God We Trust license plate. Creates an In God We Trust license plate and specifies that it is not a special group recognition license plate.

Effective: July 1, 2004.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18-15-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.216-2003,
2 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is the registered owner or
4 lessee of a:
5 (1) passenger motor vehicle;
6 (2) motorcycle;
7 (3) recreational vehicle; or
8 (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of
9 not more than:
10 (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;
11 (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or
12 (C) seven thousand (7,000) pounds;
13 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original
14 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau
15 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which
16 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.
17 (b) A person who:

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(1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in subsection (a); and

(2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:

(A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);

(B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled veteran license plates);

(C) IC 9-18-19 (purple heart license plates);

(D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana national guard license plates);

(E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana guard reserve license plates);

(F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);

(G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);

(H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);

(I) **IC 9-18-24.5 (In God We Trust license plates);**

(J) IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);

~~(K)~~ (K) IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);

~~(L)~~ (L) IC 9-18-30 (kids first trust license plates);

~~(M)~~ (M) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);

~~(N)~~ (N) IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);

~~(O)~~ (O) IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);

~~(P)~~ (P) IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);

~~(Q)~~ (Q) IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);

~~(R)~~ (R) IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);

~~(S)~~ (S) IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);

~~(T)~~ (T) IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license plates);

~~(U)~~ (U) IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license plates);

~~(V)~~ (V) IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);

~~(W)~~ (W) IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);

~~(X)~~ (X) IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);

~~(Y)~~ (Y) IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);

~~(Z)~~ (Z) IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American Trust license plates);

~~(AA)~~ (AA) IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates);

or

~~(BB)~~ (BB) IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust license plates);

may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular special recognition license plate.

SECTION 2. IC 9-18-24.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]:

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Chapter 24.5. In God We Trust License Plates

Sec. 1. The bureau shall design an In God We Trust license plate to be issued beginning January 1, 2005.

Sec. 2. An In God We Trust license plate must include the following:

- (1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.
- (2) A background design, an emblem, or colors that designate the license plate as an In God We Trust license plate.
- (3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.

Sec. 3. A license plate issued under this chapter may be displayed on the following:

- (1) A passenger motor vehicle.
- (2) A truck registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.
- (3) A recreational vehicle.

Sec. 4. A person who is a resident of Indiana and who is eligible to register and display a license plate upon a vehicle under this title may apply for and receive one (1) or more In God We Trust license plates after December 31, 2004, upon doing the following:

- (1) Completing an application for an In God We Trust license plate.
- (2) Paying the fee under section 5 of this chapter.

Sec. 5. The fee for an In God We Trust license plate is the appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-34.5.

SECTION 3. IC 9-18-25-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.222-1999, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).
- (2) Recovery vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-13).
- (3) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18-15).
- (4) Prisoner of war license plates (IC 9-18-17).
- (5) Disabled veteran license plates (IC 9-18-18).
- (6) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18-19).
- (7) Indiana National Guard license plates (IC 9-18-20).
- (8) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18-22).
- (9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).
- (10) **In God We Trust license plates (IC 9-18-24.5).**
- (11) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45.8).

SECTION 4. IC 9-29-5-34.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 34.5. A vehicle registered under IC 9-18-24.5 is

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- 1 subject to an annual registration fee and any other fee or tax
2 required of a person registering a vehicle under this title.

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